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SUBJ: ANNOUNCEMENT OF REFORM MEASURES

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1. IN THE COURSE OF A CALL ON PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET ON MARCH 4 TO INFORM HIM OF THE TITLE II PROGRAM JUST ANNOUNCED BY THE USG FOR THE KHMER REPUBLIC, I RAISED THE IDEA OF AN EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF AT LEAST SOME OF THE MEASURES OF A REFORM NATURE BEING TAKEN BY THE GKR. SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD PROJECT A MORE POSITIVE IMAGE IN THE PERIOD JUST PRIOR TO THE CONGRESSIONAL VOTE ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO THE REFORM IN EXIT VISAS, PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, SEVERAL OTHER MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN, OR WERE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING TAKEN. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO BE CAREFUL TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENTS WHEN THE REFORM MEASURES ARE ALREADY IN EFFECT. HE DOES NOT WANT TO BE ACCUSED OF MAKING ILLUSORY PROMISES. HE SAID HE APPRECIATED THE USEFULNESS OF SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME, AND SAID HE WOULD TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS AS THEY BECOME POSSIBLE.

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